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1. At a meeting of the SED Central Secretariat in Berlin on 14 May 1947, Walter Ulbricht stated that the food situation in the Russian Zone is becoming critical. He attributed this to natural causes and to effects of the agrarian reform which he described as "still suffering from childhood diseases." Other SED leaders said that, if there is no improvement, there will be hunger demonstrations in the Russian Zone just as in the west. They called such demonstrations the basic goal of western reactionaries in order to incite the populace against all the occupying powers.

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2. [redacted] women staged a hunger demonstration in Haydenau, near Dresden, at the end of March because no fats had been received during the month. The police were unable to scatter the crowd. The Russian commander made a speech promising speedy fulfillment of the ration. A small amount was then delivered early in April but by no means the entire ration.

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